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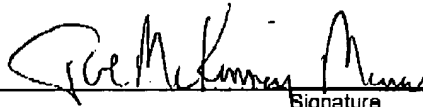
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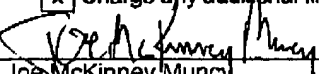
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, the following amendments, election, and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims;

Election; and

Remarks.